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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97-1.98, Applicants hereby transmit a copy of the document listed in the attached Form PTO-1449, which may be deemed material to the examination of the above-identified application.

As indicated, the document includes an English abstract and therefore, no statement of relevance is required. Also, since the present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed prior to the issuance of a first Office Action on the merits, no certification under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) or fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is required.

The listed document was cited in an Official Action issued by the Korean Intellectual Property Office in one of the Korean priority applications relating to the above-identified U.S.

Patent Application Serial No. 10/751,298. For the Examiner's reference, a copy of the Official Action in which these documents were cited is attached.

The Examiner is requested to consider the attached document in connection with the above-identified application and to return a copy of Form PTO-1449 to the Applicants with the Examiner's initials in the space provided.

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Respectfully submitted,

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